

Santoro in Freedonia

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DEAR PARENTS AND YOUNG READERS,

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED TO YOU, WHO
ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW
ADVENTURES.

I HOPE THAT THIS STORY ABOUT
CRYPTOCURRENCIES IN A DYSTOPIAN
CYBERPUNK CITY WILL AROUSE IN YOU THE
CURIOSITY AND THE WILL TO EXPLORE THIS
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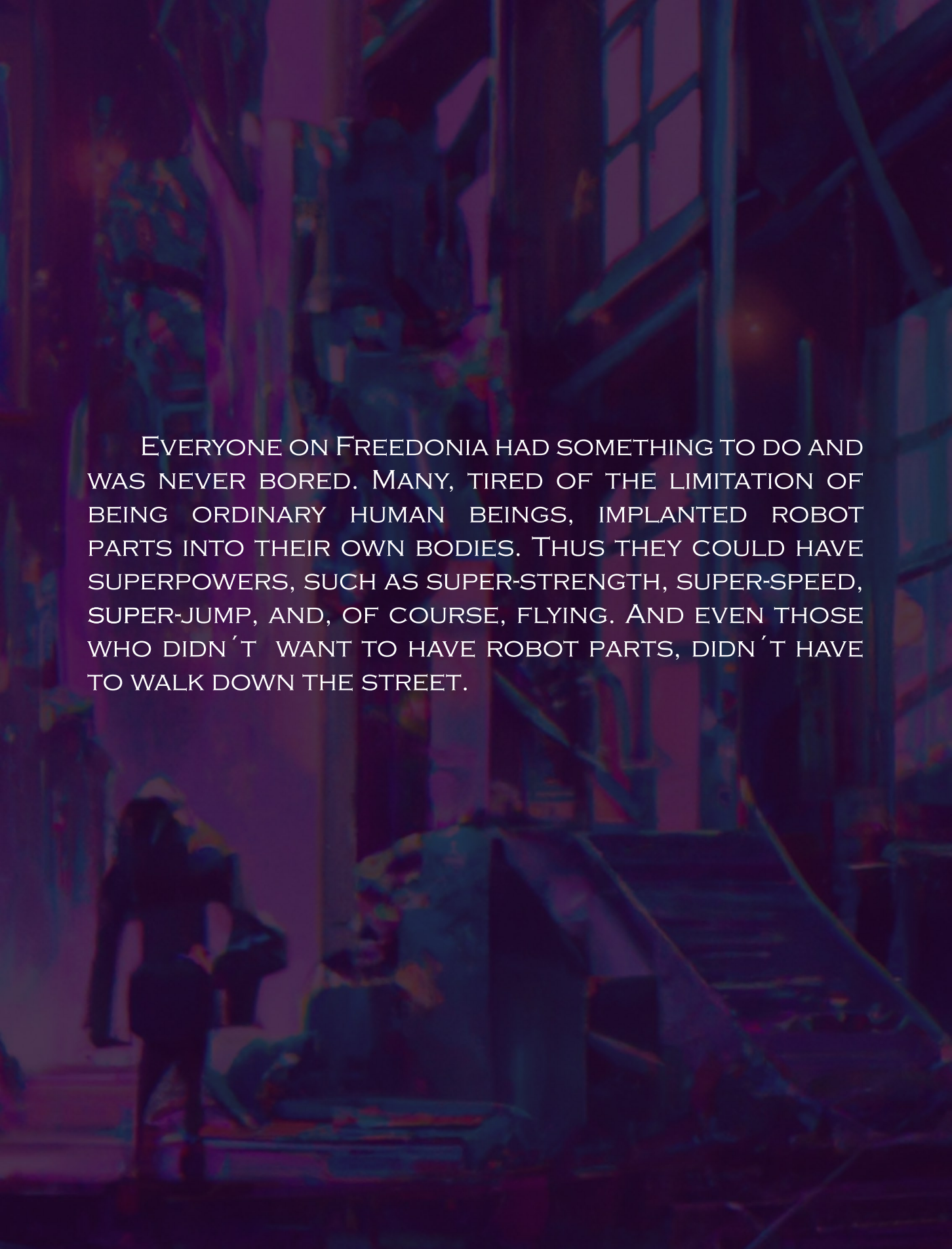
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IN A DISTANT TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE, WHERE PEOPLE NO LONGER HAD TO WALK TO GET TO PLACES, BECAUSE THEY COULD FLOAT AND QUICKLY GET WHERE THEY WANTED TO GO, THERE WAS AN AMAZING COUNTRY, ALL LIT UP WITH NEON COLORS, THAT COULD BE SEEN EVEN FROM AFAR. THIS COUNTRY WAS CALLED FREEDONIA.





EVERYONE ON FREEDONIA HAD SOMETHING TO DO AND WAS NEVER BORED. MANY, TIRED OF THE LIMITATION OF BEING ORDINARY HUMAN BEINGS, IMPLANTED ROBOT PARTS INTO THEIR OWN BODIES. THUS THEY COULD HAVE SUPERPOWERS, SUCH AS SUPER-STRENGTH, SUPER-SPEED, SUPER-JUMP, AND, OF COURSE, FLYING. AND EVEN THOSE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE ROBOT PARTS, DIDN'T HAVE TO WALK DOWN THE STREET.





EVERYONE WAS SMILING ALL THE TIME. HOWEVER, FROM TIME TO TIME, THEY WOULD SUDDENLY BECOME VERY SAD, TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WOULD CRY WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN WHY. BUT THEN THEY WOULD FIND THINGS TO DO AND BE HAPPY AGAIN.



NOBODY IN THAT COUNTRY WORKED LESS THAN 12 HOURS A DAY. TO APPLY FOR A JOB, YOU HAD TO PROVE THAT YOU COULD GO TWO DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP. IF YOU DIDN'T PASS THIS TEST, YOU COULD ONLY GET JOBS WHERE THE PAYCHECK HAD A CLOCK THAT WENT BACKWARDS, WITH A COUNTDOWN SO THAT YOU COULD SPEND IT ON WHATEVER YOU NEEDED AND WANTED.

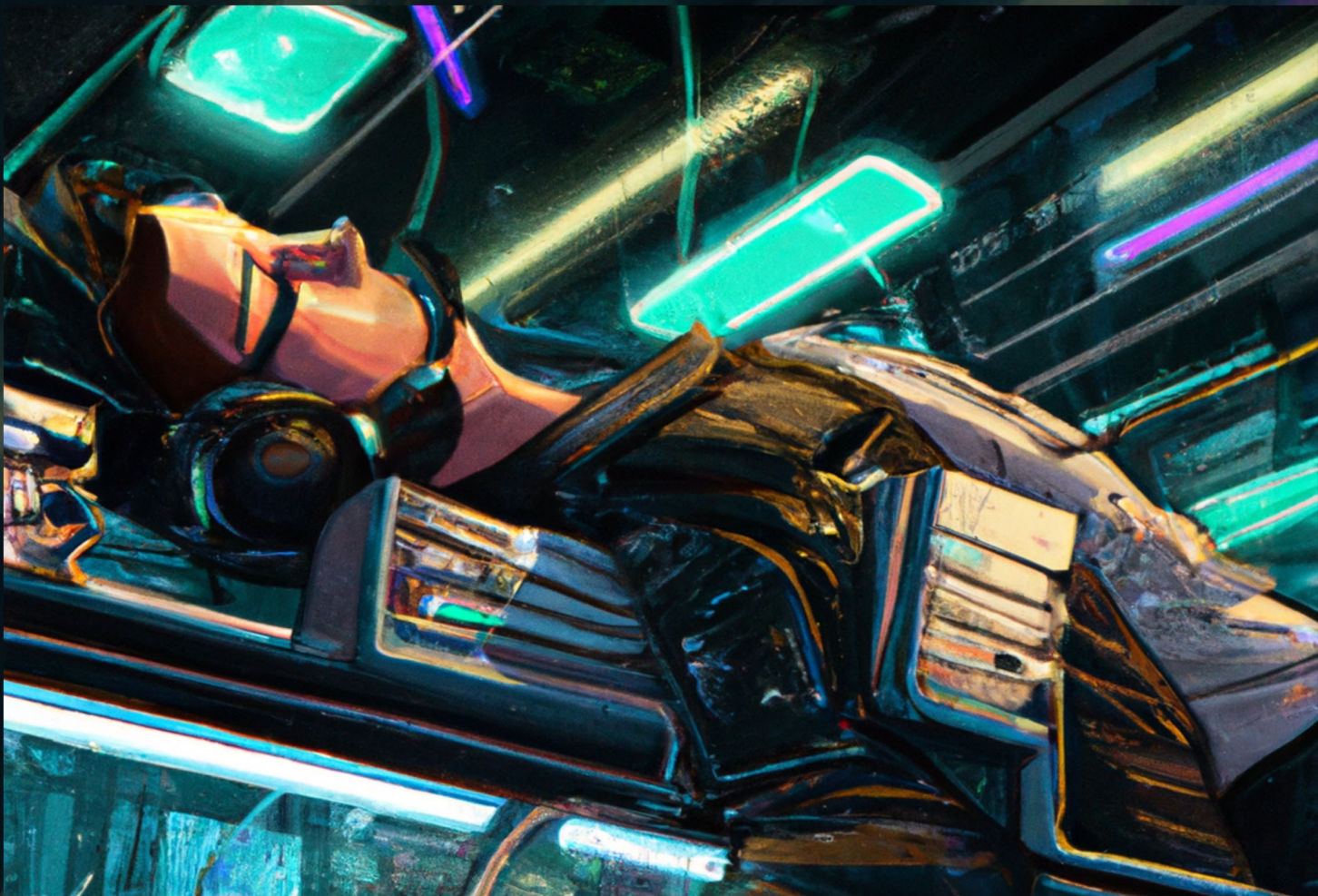




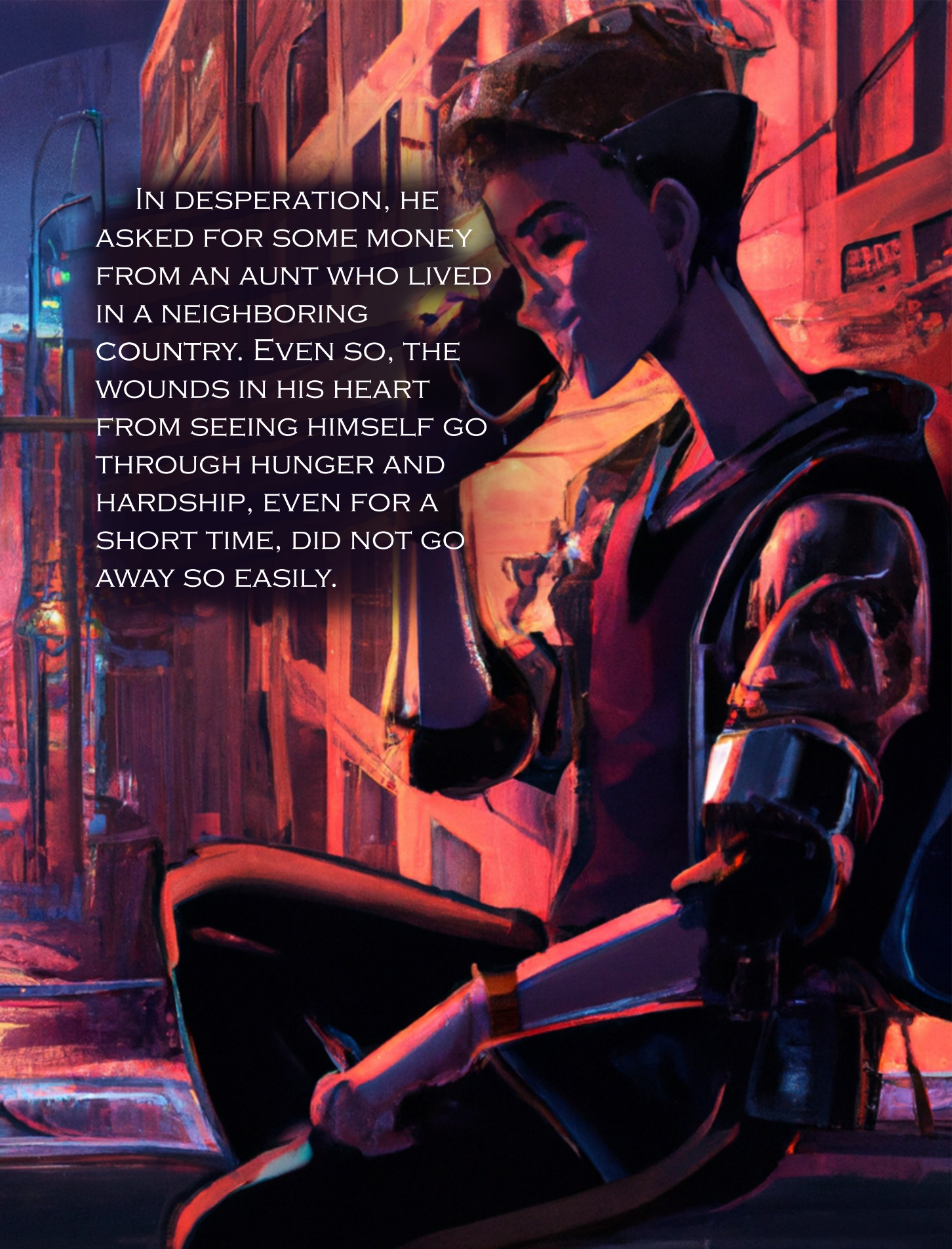
ON PAYDAY IT WAS A RUSH TO SPEND, NO ONE
WANTED TO SEE THE COUNTDOWN RESET AND NOT
BE ABLE TO BUY THEIR TOYS, THEIR ROBOTIC
BODY PARTS, THEIR FOOD, AND THEIR WATER.



ONE DAY, HOWEVER, SANTORO, A CITIZEN AND STUDENT FROM FREEDONIA, PLANNED TO DO THE FOOD SHOPPING FOR HIS HOUSE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE COUNTDOWN. LAZY AS HE WAS, HE THOUGHT HE COULD SLEEP A LITTLE LONGER WITH 15 HOURS LEFT UNTIL THE MONEY DEADLINE.



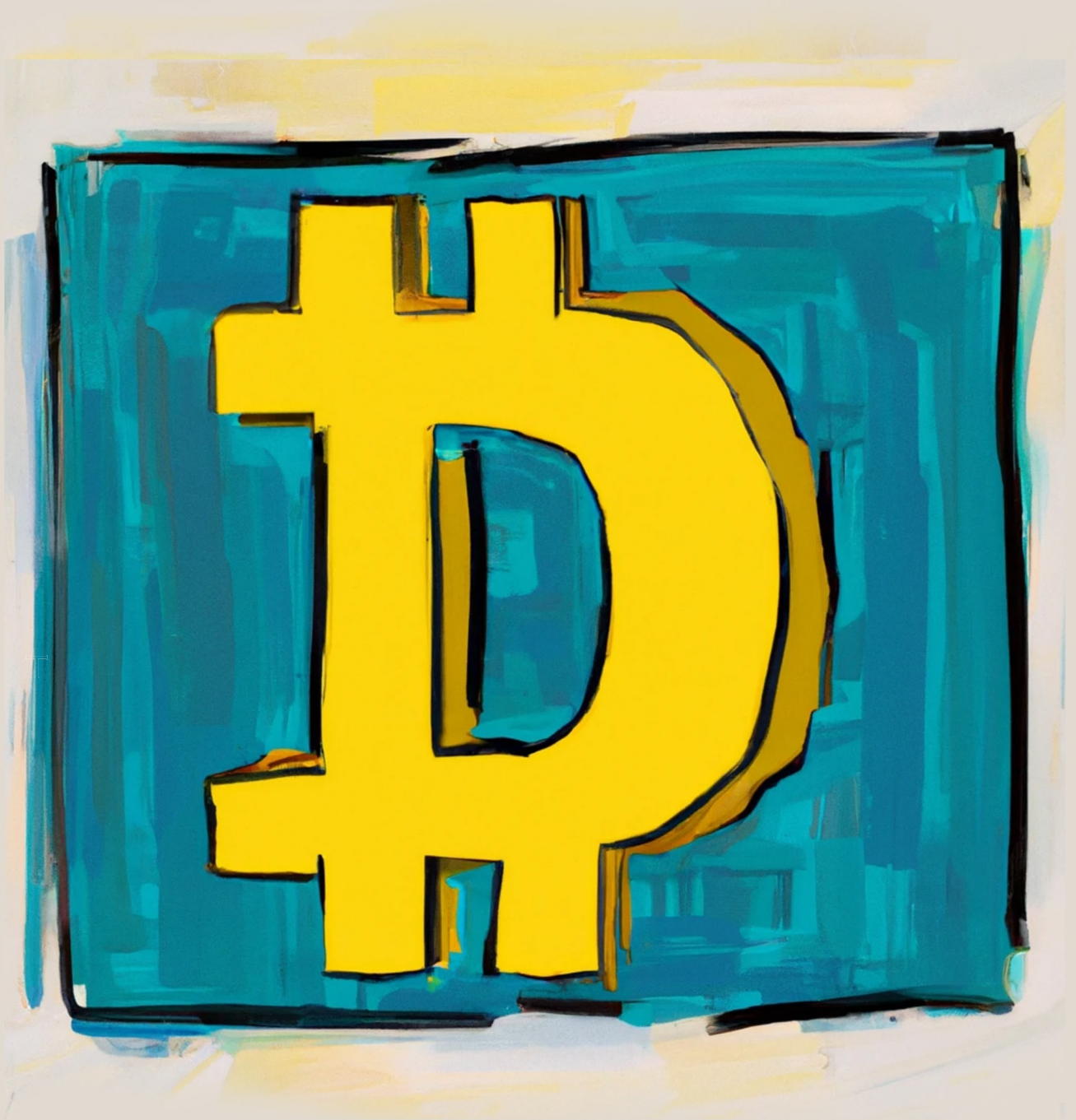
WHEN SANTORO WOKE UP, THE DOOM FORETOLD HAD HAPPENED, ALL HIS HARD-EARNED MONEY HAD TURNED TO DUST!



IN DESPERATION, HE
ASKED FOR SOME MONEY
FROM AN AUNT WHO LIVED
IN A NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY. EVEN SO, THE
WOUNDS IN HIS HEART
FROM SEEING HIMSELF GO
THROUGH HUNGER AND
HARDSHIP, EVEN FOR A
SHORT TIME, DID NOT GO
AWAY SO EASILY.

SANTORO THOUGHT OF MANY WAYS NOT TO GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN. SO HE DECIDED TO CREATE A COMMUNITY (GUILD) ON THE INTERNET, WHERE PEOPLE COULD USE A NON-FREEDONIA CURRENCY, SO THE MONEY WOULD NOT DISAPPEAR AND EVERYONE COULD KEEP IT FOR AS LONG AS THEY WANTED. HE DECIDED TO CALL THE MONEY „DENARI“.





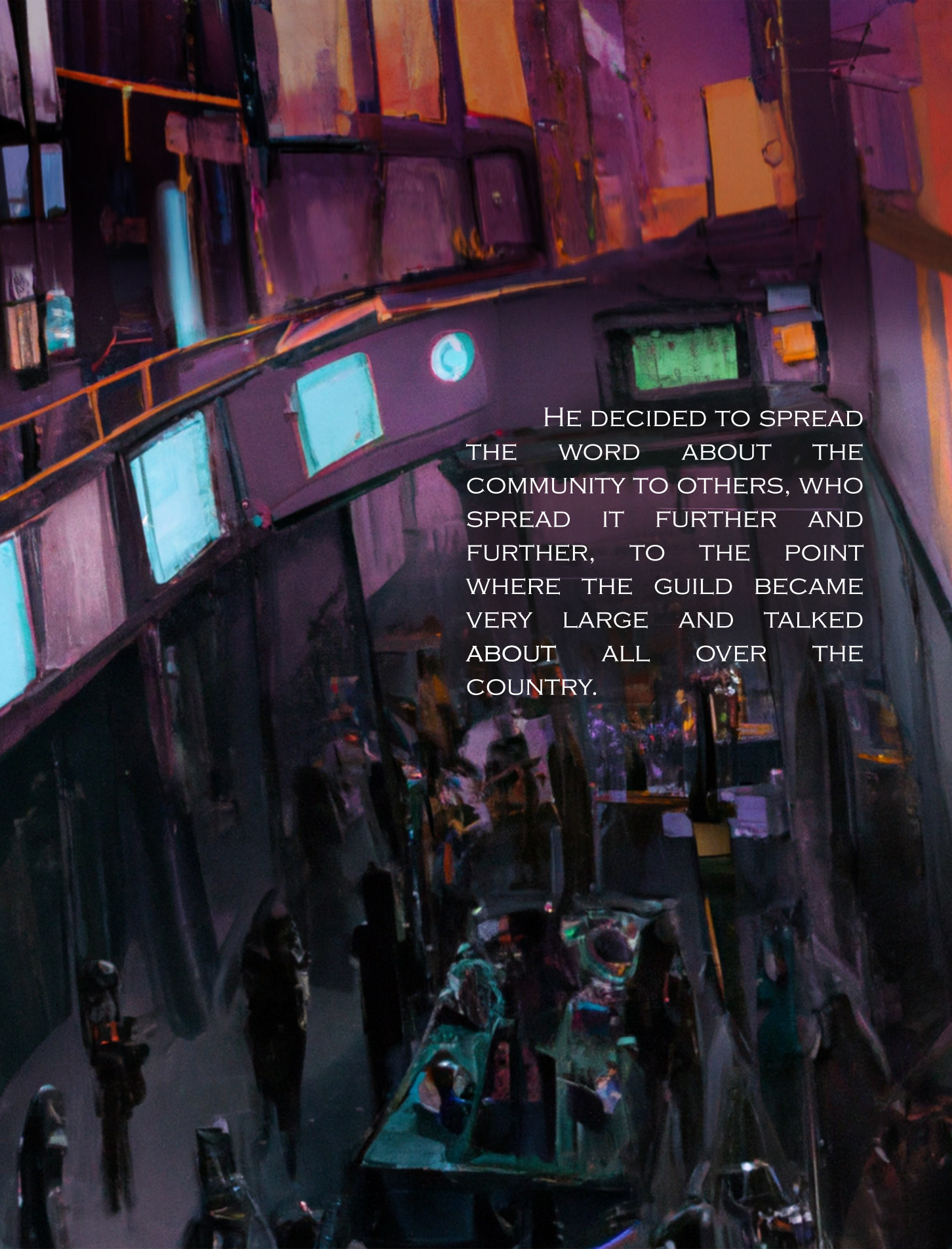
USING THE VERY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY OF THE TIME, THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CREATED A BOOK CALLED „VERITAH“. WHEN SPOKEN ALOUD, THE BOOK SHOWED HOW MUCH MONEY EACH PERSON WOULD HAVE TO SPEND AFTER WORKING.





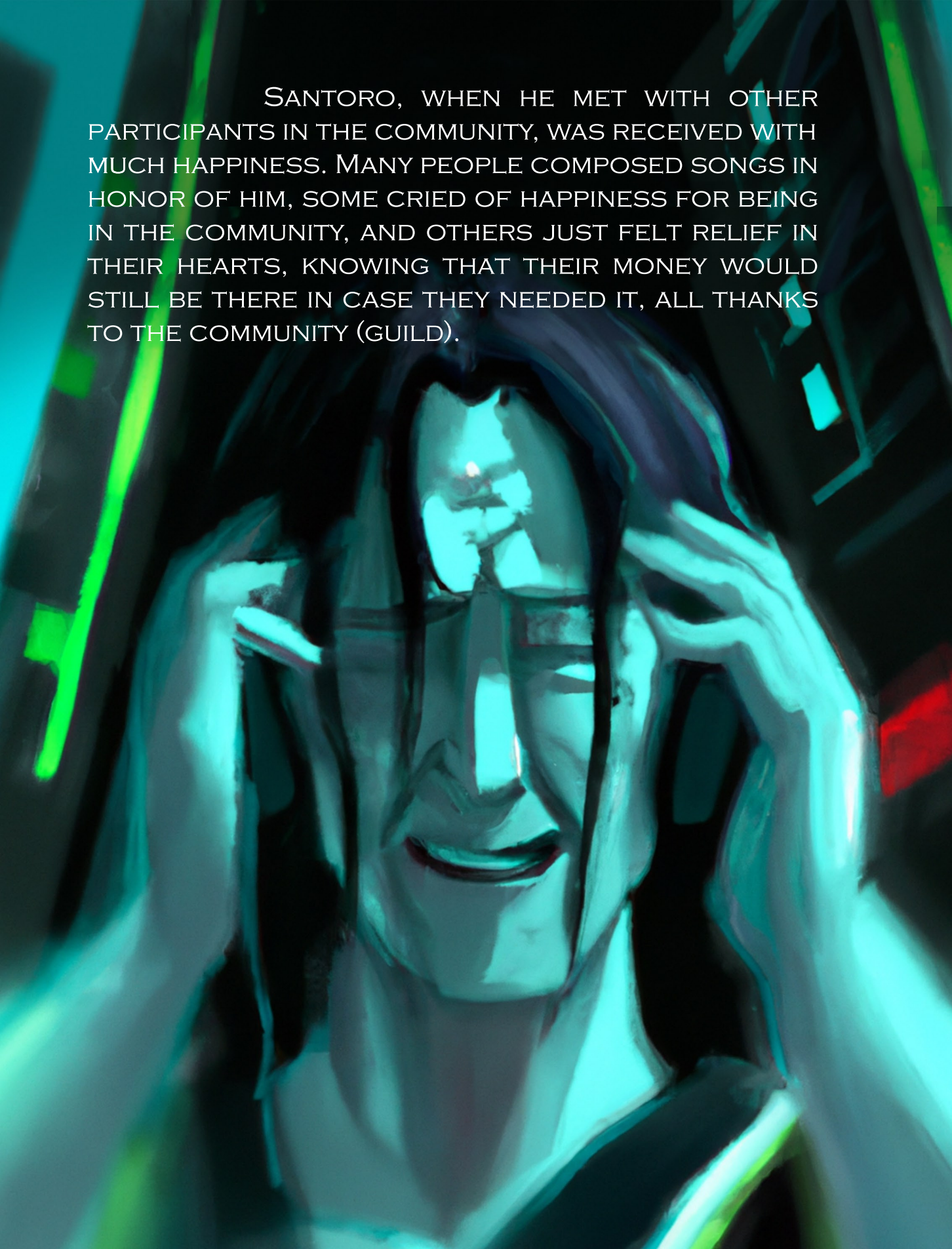


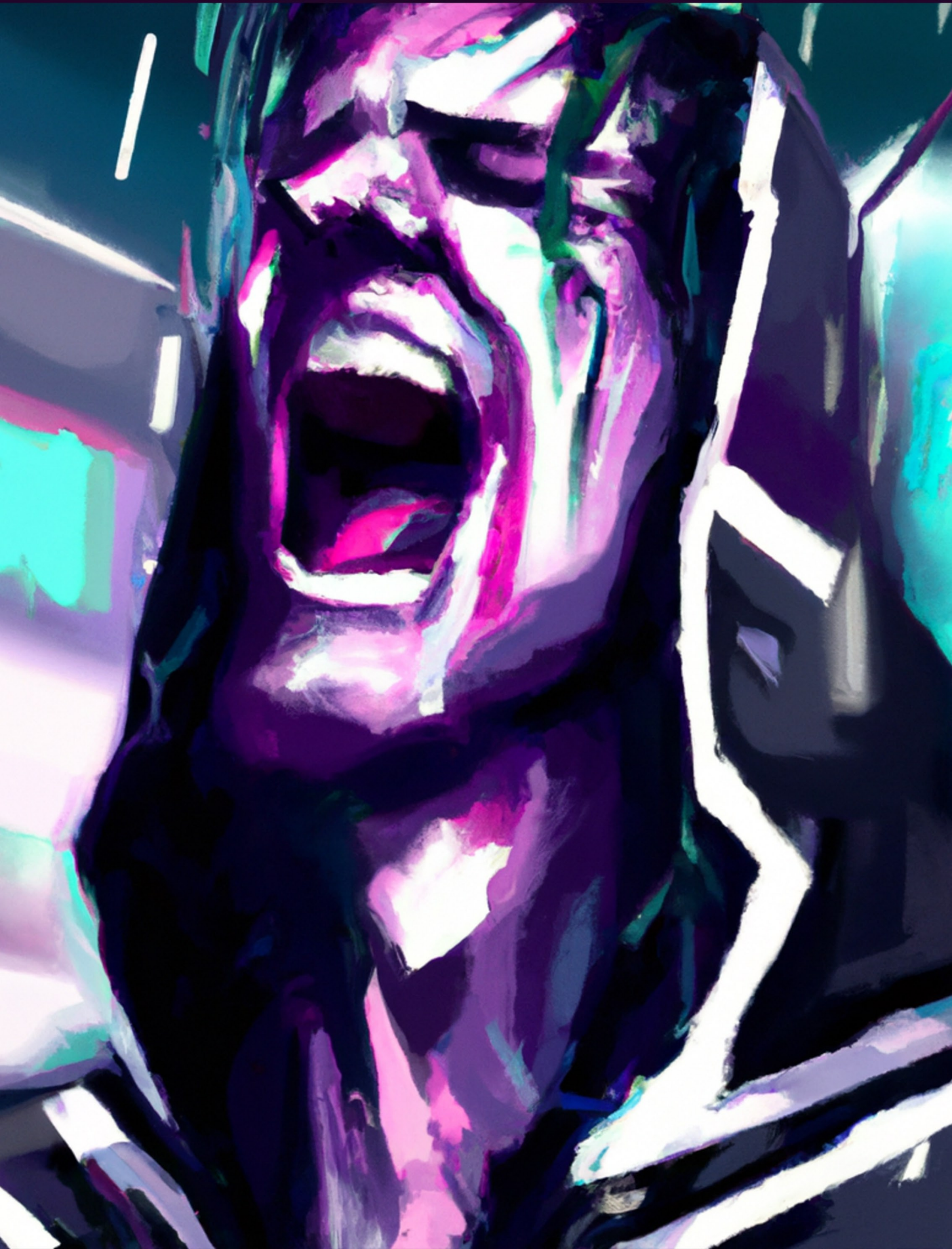
THE COMMUNITY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF RALF,
A BOY WHO SAW THE SITE ON THE INTERNET AND
WANTED TO JOIN.



HE DECIDED TO SPREAD
THE WORD ABOUT THE
COMMUNITY TO OTHERS, WHO
SPREAD IT FURTHER AND
FURTHER, TO THE POINT
WHERE THE GUILD BECAME
VERY LARGE AND TALKED
ABOUT ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY.

SANTORO, WHEN HE MET WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMMUNITY, WAS RECEIVED WITH MUCH HAPPINESS. MANY PEOPLE COMPOSED SONGS IN HONOR OF HIM, SOME CRIED OF HAPPINESS FOR BEING IN THE COMMUNITY, AND OTHERS JUST FELT RELIEF IN THEIR HEARTS, KNOWING THAT THEIR MONEY WOULD STILL BE THERE IN CASE THEY NEEDED IT, ALL THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY (GUILD).





A close-up, cinematic shot of a metallic, humanoid robot. The robot has a polished, reflective surface that catches the ambient light. It is wearing a dark top hat with a gold band. Its face is somewhat obscured by shadows, but its eyes appear to be closed or looking down. The background is a blurred cityscape at night, with various lights and structures visible, creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is mysterious and sophisticated.

PEOPLE WERE FINALLY HAPPY, BECAUSE THEY NO
LONGER SUFFERED FROM SUDDEN CRYING SPELLS.
BUT SOME PEOPLE IN HIGH SOCIETY WERE NOT HAPPY
AT ALL.

HIGH SOCIETY PEOPLE ALWAYS POSSESSED THE KIND OF MONEY THAT DIDN'T DISAPPEAR, THAT DIDN'T COUNT DOWN. ON THE CONTRARY, WHENEVER THEY WANTED MORE, THEY GOT IT EFFORTLESSLY, AS IF IN THE SNAP OF A FINGER. IN THEIR COMPANIES, THEY LIKED TO HAVE AS EMPLOYEES THE PEOPLE WHO HAD THE MONEY WITH THE COUNTDOWN, BECAUSE THEN THEY COULD PROMISE THEM THAT ONE DAY THEY WOULD HAVE MONEY WITH NO COUNTDOWN, THE MONEY THAT DIDN'T DISAPPEAR.





HOWEVER, AFTER SANTORO'S COMMUNITY BECAME A SUCCESS, MANY PEOPLE REFUSED TO TAKE THE TWO-DAY NO-SLEEP TEST. IT NO LONGER MATTERED WHAT KIND OF MONEY THEY WOULD RECEIVE, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THEY COULD EXCHANGE IT FOR THE COMMUNITY'S MONEY, WHICH, WITH THE HELP OF THE VERITAH BOOK, HAD NO WAY OF DISAPPEARING.

AS THE COMMUNITY BECAME MORE AND MORE POPULAR, PEOPLE STARTED REFUSING TO WORK 12 HOURS AND DOING SPECIAL FAVORS TO GET THE MONEY THAT WOULDN'T GO AWAY EVERY NOW AND THEN.



WHEN THE RICH PEOPLE IN HIGH SOCIETY REALIZED EVERYTHING THAT WAS HAPPENING, THEY BEGAN TO INVESTIGATE WHOSE COMMUNITY IT WAS, AND DISCOVERED THAT SANTORO WAS THE LEADER OF THE PROJECT.



MIGGING



ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR, WHEN THE COMMUNITY WOULD TURN ONE YEAR OLD, SANTORO WAS DECLARED MISSING. MANY WERE SAD, OTHERS WERE HAPPY, WHILE SOME JUST WANTED THE PEACE THEY HAD IN THE PAST, BEFORE THE GUILD WAS CREATED.

THERE ARE MANY THEORIES ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO SANTORO: SOME SAY THAT THE STUDENT BECAME VERY RICH AND WENT TO A COUNTRY OF BEAUTIFUL BEACHES; OTHERS SAY THAT HE WAS CAPTURED; AND SOME ALSO SAY THAT HE NEVER REALLY EXISTED, THAT IT WAS ALL JUST AN INVENTION OF ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF HIGH SOCIETY. BUT THE COMMUNITY WENT ON WITHOUT HIM.





THE 12-HOUR WORK IS NOT OVER, BUT THE TWO-DAY TESTS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED. MANY PEOPLE NOW MANAGE TO GET A JOB WITH THE MONEY THAT DOES 'T DISAPPEAR, BUT BY VIRTUE OF HOW THEY HAVE GOTTEN USED TO IT, THEY CONTINUE TO SPEND THE MONEY AS IF IT WILL DISAPPEAR THE NEXT DAY.

WHEN RALF, ONE OF THE FIRST TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY, WAS ASKED IF THE DENARI AND THE VERITAH BOOK WOULD EXIST FOREVER IN FREEDONIA, HE GAVE A SURPRISING ANSWER:

- I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE IT WILL LAST ANOTHER SUMMER OR STAY FOREVER, BUT WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY IS THAT ALWAYS WHEN SOMEONE, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, SAYS „VERITAH!“ THE TRUTH WILL NOT BE DENIED HIM, AND THEN HE WILL HAVE FREEDOM IN BEING ABLE TO SPEND OR NOT, WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT ANY CLOCK RUNNING BACKWARDS.



BLOCKCHAIN = VERITAH?

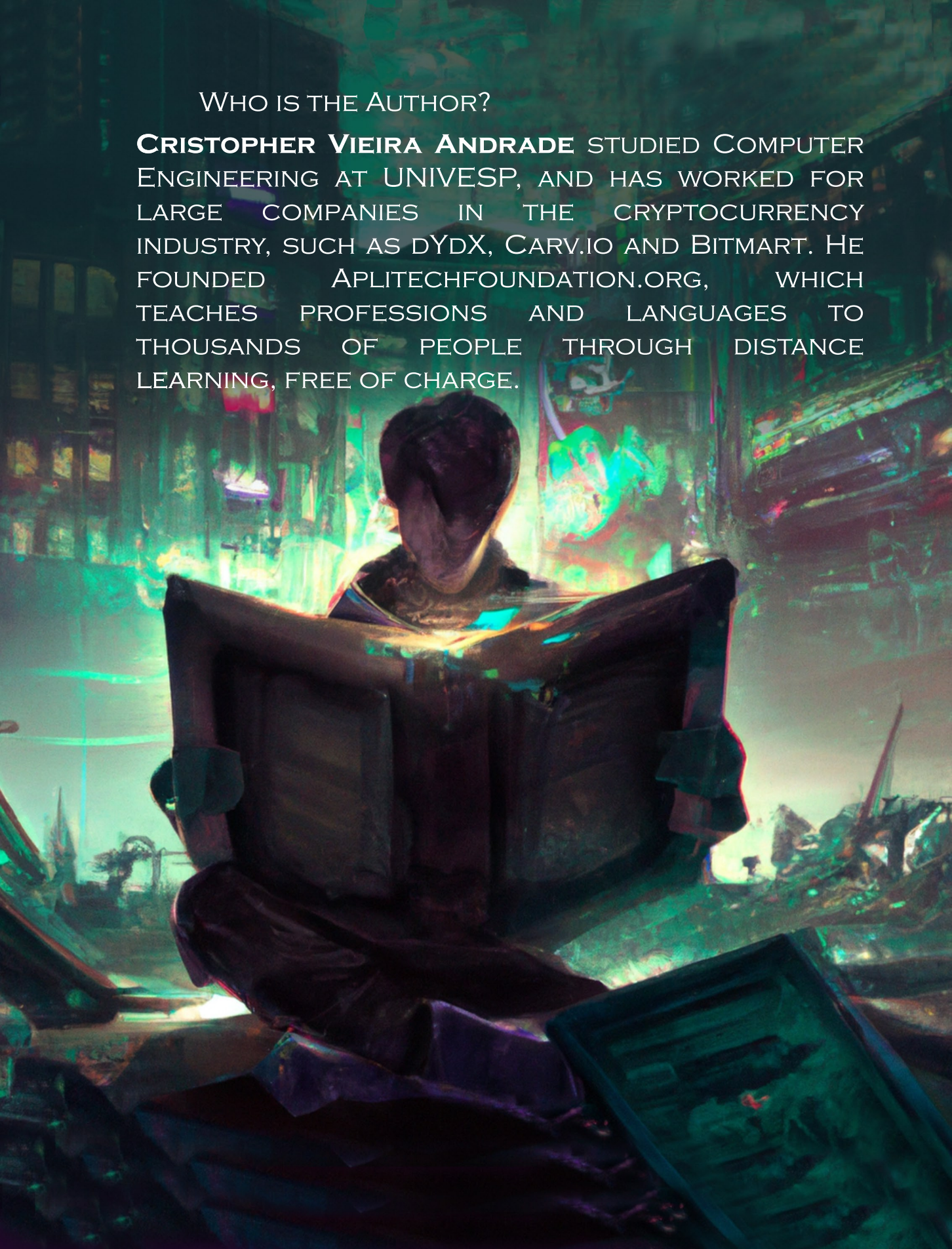
SANTORO = SATOSHI = LEN? SZABO?
HAL FINNEY? BACK?

RALF = HAL FINNEY?

DENARI = BITCOIN?

TIMED MONEY = DIGITAL MONEY WITH TIME
TO SPEND? CBDC? INFLATION?



A person with dark hair, seen from behind, is sitting and reading a large, open book. The book is glowing with a bright yellow light. The person is wearing a dark jacket. The background is a vibrant, futuristic cityscape at night, with neon lights in shades of blue, green, and red. The scene is filled with a sense of mystery and discovery.

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